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NILES CANYON OFFERS ONLY WATER LEVEL ROUTE FROM INTERIOR TO CO.

NEW OFFICERS SELECTED FOR LIBRARY BOARD

Amendment Changing Dues Is Offered At Annual Meet

Election of officers featured the annual meeting of the Niles Free Public Library Association held Tuesday evening, F. V. Jones being re-elected president; Mrs. J. E. Townsend, secretary; Mrs. F. M. Hudson, treasurer; A A. Hatch, director for two years. Mrs. J. C. Shinn serves another year as director.

Retiring officers were Robert Fisher, director, and Mrs J. M. Williamson, secretary. Mr. Fisher was unable to continue his duties as trustee as he expects to be away on an extended visit in England this year. The secretary was not a candidate for re-election.

Mrs. Hudson gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand from old account	$104.71
Money received from dues and sale of old furniture	107.50
Total received	212.12
Money expended	83.03
Balance in bank	129.18

The following amendment was offered, to be voted on at the next regular meeting of the association:

"Resolved that the constitution and by-laws shall be amended to read, 'Dues shall remain $2 per person, except in the case where there are two members in the same family who expect to join and in that case the dues shall be $1 per person.'"

Two numbers were given by the High school orchestra under the direction of John C. Kimber. The young musicians' rendition of Beethoven's Minuet in G was exceptionally good and a marked improvement over music given at the library last year, demonstrating that progress is being made unmistakably.

Mrs. John Adams gave a delightful series of brief book reviews, reading excerpts from some of the books she has enjoyed recently.

Mrs. J E Townsend, guardian, presented the Campfire Girls in a short playlet. Those taking part being Estelle Martonstein, Patty Duffey, Muriel Fournier, Mildred Law, Verna Orcutt. Lorene Kearns, Lucile Alves, Betty Bunker, Irma Hodges, Evelyn Rose, and Agnes Trinchero.

The annual report of the trustees was read, as appears in an-

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ENGINEER POSEY SPEAKS AT BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

About 150 People Witness Opening of Bridge Saturday

THAT NILES CANYON is the only water grade route into Alameda county from the interior of the state and that Niles occupies a most strategic position on this account was brought out by County Engineer George Posey at the duck dinner served at the Florence Restaurant in Niles last Saturday at noon preceding the opennig of Richmond Bridge in Niles Canyon.

Thirty-seven attended the luncheon and more than 100 witnessed the opening of the bridge. A program had been planned but due to the rain there was only a brief dedicatory speech by Supervisor Charles Meyer.

Present at the luncheon were Supervisors Ralph Richmond and Charles Heyer, seventeen roadmasters, the local committee from the Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. F. V. Jones, George Donovan, Bert Rathbun, E. E. Dias, President Harvey Braun and Dr. Charles H. Law, Wallace Ebright, of the Spring Valey Water Company, Sunol; Fred Rogers, game warden; George Posey, county engineer, and three of his staff, and Arthur Day, president of the Sunol Chamber of Commerce.

Two of the items of importance brought out in addition to a number of laudatory speeches in honor of Supervisor Richmond and others present were the importance of the Niles Canyon low grade and the inconvenience of the low underpass of the Southern Pacific at the Schuckl Cannery.

Heavy trucks crossing Dumbarton bridge from San Francisco and the peninsula have to go through the main street of Niles, down to the underpass at the northern end of town, make the sharp turn up a steep grade and go down the Foothill road to the canyon because they cannot get under the Southern Pacific crossing at the cannery.

Engineer Posey in remarking about the Niles canyon road and its importance since it offered the best entry into the county from the interior of the state stated that there were still many places that needed to be broadened and straightened to make it safe and convenient for the heavy traffic it must expect in the future.

Friendly Club To Meet Friday at 2:00

Members of the Friendly Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Alma Inman Parker at her home on the Niles-Centerville road Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE

REGISTER'S FRATERNAL, SOCIAL AND AMUSEMENT CALENDAR

Jan. 24—Parent-Teacher Association Council, Alameda.
Jan. 25.—Friendly Club, Mrs. Parker, 2 p. m.
Jan. 25.—Assembly dance (changed from 18th.)
Jan. 31.—Card Party—Country Club, 2 p. m.
Feb. 1.—Card Party Niles school; P. T. A. benefit.
Feb. 2.—Parent-Teacher Association Council, Pleasanton.
Feb. 4.—Parent-Teacher Association Board meeting, Niles school.
Feb. 8—Child Welfare, Mrs. Hudson, Niles.
Feb. 9.—American Legion dance, Garden of Allah.
Feb. 12.—P. T. A. "Dad's" dinner.
Feb. 12.—Bridge Whist Centerville St. James Guild.
Feb. 15.—"Penrod" play at Highschool.

WORLD TRAVELLER NOTES BEAUTY OF NILES CANYON

F. DeCoe, prominent San Francisco business man and extensive traveller, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Myers this past week-end. Mr. DeCoe, though he has seen some of the beauty spots of the globe, was much impressed with the scenic qualities of Niles canyon. He also noted the progressive atmosphere along the main street of Niles where several of the old buildings are being torn down to be replaced with new ones.

Entrance to Niles Theater Re-Decorated

Spring housecleaning in the winter time is taking place at the Niles theater, according to Manager Wm. Helm. The main entrance is being redecorated and the bill-boards re-painted.

The ceiling of the vestibule will be done in pastel shades, the wall green bordered with gold, A covering something like stucco is put on under the paint and the whole method is known as "jazz painting," the same decoration as used in larger theaters E. L. Charleston has charge of the work.

Mrs. A. B. Moora and infant son, LeRoy Anton, are progressing nicely.

SUPT. MARTIN DISCUSSES NEW CO. UNIT PLAN

Several Ladies Attend Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Several ladies attended the luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday to hear County Superintendent David E. Marton discuss the "County Unit" plan. No business was transacted but it is probable that resolutions will be passed at next week's meeting endorsing Mr. Martin's opposition to the plan which would eliminate all boards of trustees of grammar schools in the township and provide for a board of five who would manage all the business of the schools.

Ladies present were Mrs. Harvey Braun, Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth, Mrs. C. E. Martenstein, Mrs. A F. Johnson, Mrs. J. E. Townsend and Mrs. E D. Bristow.

About forty were present in all, one of the visitors being C. E. Martenstein. All of the grammar school teachers were there.

Points stressed by Mr Martin were similar to those stated in a bulletin from his office and quoted in a recent issue of The Register.

Clothes Line Thieves Again Up to Mischief

An attempt was made to steal clothes from the lines back of Mrs. A. Rose's home. Mr. Rose happened to be testing a new flash-light and as he turned the light through the back window he saw the men trying to snatch the clothes.

The men evaded capture by making a hasty retreat. That same night clothes were stolen from the clothes-lines of Mrs. R. D. Vargus and Mrs. M. S. Alameda

BOY SCOUTS ENJOY SNOW

Marshall Green, scoutmaster, and six of the boy scouts of Niles went up to Calaveras Sunday and enjoyed the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Johnson spent the week-end in Berkeley.

DECOTO COMMERCE BODY SEEKS TO USE BUILDING INSPECTOR

COUNTRY CLUB REMODELING COSTS $500

Several Improvements To Be Made In Club Headquarters

By a vote of 19 to 8 by ballot, the Country Club of Washington Township decided to limit the expense of remodeling the club house in Centerville to five hundred or six hundred dollars.

Improvements will include the installation of a large heater in the assembly room, installation of a gas stove and hot-water coil, the gift of the Graham Manufacturing Company, in the kitchen, building a men's dressing room, tinting the assembly room, new screens and new curtains and one coat of paint for the exterior.

This decision followed discusion as to whether they would spend approximately $2,000 for remodeling and the installation of a stage. Since the club would have the use of the new veterans' memorial building to be built in Niles this spring, it was decided that a stage would be an unnecessary expense.

Chinese Children Of Niles Going to Orient

Paul and Joseph Fong, aged 12 and 9 years, will leave shortly for China where they will be put in a Chinese-American school by their grand-father.

The Fong children live on the California Nursery Company tract and have been faithful attendants at the Niles Congregational church. Their Sunday school class will give them a farewell party Saturday afternoon. They leave in this country their father and mother and five sisters and brothers.

TOWNSHIP PIONEER DIES AT RIO DELL

Father of Mrs. O. F. Trask Was Old-Timer of Decoto

John H. Peterson, aged 84, father of Gertrude Trask, of Niles, passed away at his home at Rio Dell, Humbolt county, California, last week, after being ill a short time with pueumonia.

The deceased was a pioneer of Washington Township. He came to Alvarado forty-five years ago and moved to Decoto five years later where he reared his family. He is survived by his wife, Clara Peterson; Geo. A. Peterson, Rio Dell; Wm. B. Peterson, Oakland; Grace Flaa, Berkeley; Jeanette Lyle, Petaluma; and Gertrude Trask, of Niles.

MUSICAL EVENING IN THE IRVINGTON CHURCH SUNDAY

Irvington ..Community ..Church will give a musical evening gospel service on Sunday evening at 7.30. Among those assisting with the special music are Rev. John E. Moore from Palo Alto; D. F. Gatchell of Centerville Miss Nellie Beardsley and Rev. John R. Stevenson. Eades Carrol and his mother will render a musical novelty.

County Organizations Are Asked to Sign Petition To Supervisors

A move to give the state housing inspector jurisdiction over the unincorporated sections of Alameda county is being fostered by the Decoto Chamber of Commerce, according to Roland Bendel, secretary. A petition is to be circulated to every Chamber of Commerce in the county asking their signature before this paper is sent to the board of supervisors.

Niles, Alvarado and Centerville chambers have already signed the paper as has Washington Township American Legion.

Peter Decoto, president of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Bendel will see that the various chambers of commerce are approached with the petition.

The movement grew out of the recent moving into Decto of houses which had been condemned by the health officers in other communities.

Bernard Medeira, who has been ill, is improving rapidly.

JOST BILLS TO PUT CHECK UPON CHICKEN THIEVES

Other Measures Refer To Seasons On Deer and Rabbits

A blow aimed at chicken thieves who have been operating permiscously during the past few weeks is embodied in assembly bill, No. 11, introduced by Wm. O. Jost, of Hayward, assemblyman from the Thirty-fourth district.

This bill provides that all persons who deal in poultry shall have a license and that they shall keep a strict record which shows the date of transaction, number, weight, breed, description and other distinguishing mark of all birds procured; and the name, address and brief description of the seller, type of motor vehicle or other conveyance employed by him and the motor vehicle license number. He shall also demand of the seller a bill of sale.

Pure Fruit Juices

Another bill introduced by Mr. Jost prohibits the sale of drinks as fruit juices unless said drink shall be composed of due proportion of pure fruit juices as specified in the bill.

Trespassing

Bill No. 24, provides that any person guilty of trespassing upon private property or destroying or mutilating any sign or other notice forbidding hunting or fishing on said property shall be declared guity of a misdemeanor. Only three signs per mile required.

Making State Highways

Bill No. 71 provides that the department of public works be empowered in its discretion and with the consent of the board of supervisors to designate and adopt as a state highway any county road connecting a state highway with a publicly owned bridge or a toll bridge across a river or bay.

Deer Season

Bill No. 73 would close the deer season two weeks earlier, and Bill 72 would open the rabbit season on the same date as the deer season, closing period same as it is at present, these two bills being introduced at the request of Livermore sportsmen.

Editorial Comment

By NORMAN H. PARKS, Publisher Register

THE FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN.

AFTER months of favorable publicity and promotional work upon the part of our more progressive citizenry—yea, after years of talk and agitation—incorporation has been given, what its opponents hope is a decided set-back, but what others know to be only a temporary reverse administered by property holders misinformed upon the cost of local government—believing erroneously that it would add a great burden to taxes already seemingly too high.

For eight months the Register has agitated incorporation—believing the step, if taken would do more than any other one thing to make Niles a real city—establish proof before the tribunal of municipalities that we, nestling here like a gem in the setting of God's splendid handiwork, incomparable in natural beauty and favored by advantages of industrial location, had taken our place in the sun—were prepared to offer the investor some security in the way of police protection, a modicum of cleanliness in the matter of streets and alleys, proper lights and other municipal guarantees under which capital and progressive homeowners wish to work and live

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The Township Register is proud of the fight it has made for progress here—an established policy of the paper, to promote any enterprise that will make the town a better place in which to live—a place where we can succeed; grow individually and collectively; be of greater service to everyone and everything that is worthy, that is right; and make a place for ourselves among the smaller municipalities of our great state.

The Township Register does not falter in the face of opposition, nor is it easily discouraged. Once it believes it is right—is convinced of the merit of a desired objective—it goes on, even though for a while it must travel alone.

Incorporation, we firmly believe, will be an accomplished fact before the close of 1929.

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An attitude, however reactionary, however penurious, tight-fisted and narrow, can not keep this town from growing and becoming in a very few years a city of ten, twenty thousand people. It is written in the book of natural expansion of San Francisco and Oakland, that however phenomenal the growth has been in the past, in the near future it will be greater by many fold.

Niles has climatic advantages equalled by no section within commuting distance of the two great metropolises of the Bay district. The opening of the new bridge at Mt. Eden will be the occasion of congested San Francisco moving a great body of people to our beautiful sunkissed hills and fecund valley. We will attract wealth and enterprise. Our matchless highway and railway facilities will soon bring to our portals factories that find conditions crowded in communities which would gladly offer them bonuses to locate with them. So far we have offered nothing to those who would come here. We may continue that policy, but the exegencies of the situation will force capital eventually to come to us. Once here it will seize the reigns of affairs and make this town a city—the best of the outlying urban communities.

Our words are prophetic. The hand of destiny has marked the course—nothing can stay the march of development, of progress.

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For the next few months, perhaps it will be well to turn our energies to problems other than keeping lit the fires of incorporation—issues perhaps not so important, but urgent and incumbent if we are not to continue in a state of stagnation, in which it appears many would have us muddle and decay.

The opening of Second street, by a connection with the Alvarado road, The Township Register believes, is the most important matter next to vesting Niles with the power of local government.

Let us see if we can not raise sufficient funds to meet the financial burden of the California Nursery in opening this street through their land. True, this progressive company has offered to do this without cost, if the community will but wait

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Decoto Department

By ORVILLE. BLOSE.

Over forty people attended the Community Church service Sunday evening. R. Banes Anderson, and Jesse Joseph McMillan of the Fisherman's Club both delivered inspiring messages. They were accompanied by Mrs. McMillan and Miss Jane Penulbaker. Rev. Henry McCall then gave the closing address. After the service Hans Swanson spoke to the Christian Endeavor society.

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Mrs. Frank Thomas has been attending Art School in Oakland during the past month. She has a very interesting display of art work at her home.

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The Decoto Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Junior Basketball team. A. P. Peacock is to manage the team. The boys will play a repeat game with the Hayward Homesteaders Sunday afternoon on their ground.

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Mrs. R. E. Croner and family, of Oroville, Mrs. B. Winfree and family, of Portola, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Addison, of Antioch, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McPherson.

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The library here has received a shipment of twenty-three new books from the county librarian.

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The improvements of the Decoto Fire House have been completed. The room can now be used for banquets and Chamber of Commerce meetings.

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A. Ferante is having a new oven installed in his bakery to handle the increase in business, as next month a new route is to be inaugurated.

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Gus Peterson, a former resident of Decoto, is visiting the P. A. Swanson family.

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W. R. Vail has returned home from Wilbur Springs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas motored to Tulare Thursday.

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Members of the Decoto Fire Department are very proud of their quarters since the recent painting and remodelling.

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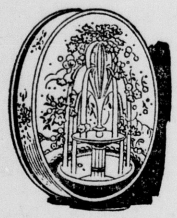

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DANCE FOLLOWS NILES REBEKAH'S INSTALLATION

Installation of officers of the Niles Rebekahs took place at the local I. O. O. F. Hall Friday evening. Mrs Jessie McKinney, of Pleasanton, district deputy, had charge. After the program a supper was served and dancing enjoyed.

Officers installed were:

Mrs. Edith Rose, Noble Grand.
Mrs. Ida Easterdy, Vice Grand.
Mrs. Rose Fournier, recording secretary.
Mrs. Fern Mitte, financial secretary.
Mrs. Mary Barnard, treasurer.
Mrs. Martha Roland, warden.
Mrs. Ethel Fournier, conductor.
Mrs. Rose Klinkle, chaplain.
Mrs. Phoebe Ford, Right Supporter to the Noble Grand.
Mrs. Eliza Kennard, Left Supporter to the Noble Grand.
Mrs. Emma Murray, Right Supporter of the Vice Grand.
Mrs. Lusetta Kearns, Left Supporter to the Vice Grand.
Mrs. Rose Schneider, inside sentinel.
Mr. Fred Mitte, outside sentinel.
Mrs. Florence Macpherson, organist.

The Register will do your printing job without unnecessary delay.

Annual Report of Niles Free Public Library Association

Feeling that with so beautiful a building available, the Niles Free Public Library should perform as great a service as possible to the community, the board of trustees made three distinct efforts during the past year to increase the influence of this instituption in the life of Niles.

Efforts were made to have the library building remain open longer hours. Miss Barmby, county librarian, pointed out that no money was available to pay for more service by the librarian, so that issue was closed.

The open meeting of the library association was a second feature stressed during the year. The trustees felt that such gatherings might be the means of interesting more individuals in the library and might foster to some extent the growth of an appreciation of intellectual pleasures in the community. While these gatherings have not been attended by more than 50 each, the board feels that they have been successful and have been worth the effort. We hope that the in-coming board will see fit to continue and enlarge upon this feature.

The third effort of the trustees was with regard to the children's story hour. The trustees wrote the county librarian suggesting that various members of the community conduct a story hour. The matter was taken over by Miss Barmby who arranged with Mrs. Roland Bendel to take charge of this part of the library program under the direction of the county. From all reports, this feature has been an unquestionable success, with an average attendance of about 40 children each Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Bendel reports 75 children present at the Christmas party at the library. Christmas stories were told and those present given apples and marshmallows.

Mrs. Murray, the librarian, reports that many of the children stop to ask for books as they leave the story-telling group, it seeming hence that the story hour is really encouraging a greater use of the library. It has been suggested that this feature may out-grow the capacity of the library building and make it necessary to hold the story hour elsewhere.

Four open meetings have been held by the Niles Free Public Library Association this year and the trustees have met eight times.

The first open meeting was held January 25. Those taking part on the program were the Niles Boy Scouts, under the direction of Jack Goldner; Wm. H. Ford, J. C. Shinn, Mrs. J. C. Shinn, Miss Irma Hodges, Miss Anna Millicent Shinn, Mrs. J. E. Townsend, F. V. Jones, Miss Mary Barmby, county librarian, and Mrs. J. M. Williamson. Miss Theo Elliott as winner of an essay contest was presented with a copy of "We" by Mrs. James R. Whipple, representing the Library Association.

The second open meeting was held on Feb. 15, at which time the constitution and by-laws were adopted as attached to this record. Officers were elected as follows: F. V. Jones, president; Mrs. J. M. Williamson, secretary; Mrs. F. M. Hudson, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Shinn, director for two years; Mr. Robert Fisher, director for one year.

Those taking part on the program were E. D. Bristow, Mrs. A. W. Seebart and Mrs. J. C. Shinn.

The third open meeting was held on the 17th of October at which time C. S. Greene, veteran librarian, gave the address of the evening. Mrs. Roland Bendel entertained the little folks with a story. Music was furnished by a group of school orchestra members under the direction of Mr. John C. Kimber.

This evening's program constitutes the fourth and last meeting during the administration of the present officers.

At the request of the trustees, the county librarian, Miss Mary Barmby, forwarded certain reading lists which have appeared from time to time in the local newspaper.

Three new magazines were requested by individuals in answer to a query by the trustees, to be added to the list being served the library. Copies of these have been sent but the local librarian has not been informed as to whether these are to be permanently on the shelves or not.

Gifts received by the library during the past year include several volumes from Mrs. Ella May Clemmons, of San Francisco, and a copy of the American Standard Version of the Bible from the Christian Endeavor of the Niles Congregational church.

The Petersen Plumbing Shop repaired one of the drinking fountains free of charge.

The trustees have purchased sufficient stationery for the past year aand at least another year or two for library correspondence; a hose and fixtures for use in the garden; paid for a three-year insurance policy on building and furnishings; attended to the washing of the windows and purchased floor wax for the linoleum, as that furnished by the county was not considered satisfactory, by the janitress.

There are four keys to the library building. One is in the possession of the librarian, the janitress has one, Mrs. W. H. Ford has one and the other is in the office of the president, Mr. Jones.

For the information of those who are not familiar with the management of the library, it is stated that the county pays the salary of the librarian, the janitress and the gardener, pays the heat, light and water and serves the books and magazines, having general supervision over the library program.

It hence remains to be seen that practically the only field of endeavor for the trustees is to see to the care of the building and garden and to suggest to the county librarian any plans they may think beneficial to the library program in the community.

It is understood by the trustees that the Niles library is to receive 50 or 60 books every three months, these to be as nearly what the public desires as possible. All requests for books should be made to the local librarian.

A new regulation since the writing of this report provides for book every month instead of every three months.

The trustees through the aid of Supervisor Ralph Richmond, secured county pay for a gardener who serves under the title of assistant janitor and has been caring for the shrubs at the front of the building. Several of these shrubs have been re-placed by the California Nursery free of charge.

One of the regulations voted by the trustees during the past year was that the dressing rooms should be kept locked and the key given at request made to the librarian. During the past year the secretary has written six letters, 82 post cards, 50 of which were invitations to the last open meeting, has written more than seven columns of publicity for the library and had this published in the local paper. These 21 news notices are attached to the secretary's records.

Four items were suggested by the trustees during the past year which have not been brought to completion. They are referred to the in-coming board for its consideration: namely, securing of a moth-proof box or bag in which the flag can be kept when it is not in use; the cataloging of the 100 or more volumes on the shelves of the trustees' room and placing them in the reading room downstairs; decision as to whether approximately $100 shall be spent for a used piano to be placed in the library in order that the open meetings may include more music; and the fostering of a membership campaign.

This report includes the items of special interest in connection with the past year's program of the Niles Free Public Library Association. While we probably could have accomplished much more, we have tried to do faithfully the duty which seemed incumbent upon us as trustees. We wish to express once more our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ford for the gift of this beautiful building and to the members of the association for the honor we have felt in serving them in a small way.

Respectfully submitted,
GLADYS WILLIAMSON,
Secretary.

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BREAKING every known record for duration and distance, the *Question Mark*, famous tri-motored Fokker of the U. S. Army, landed at Metropolitan Field January 7 at 2:07:01 p.m.—150 hours 40 minutes and 14 seconds after her thrilling take-off from the same field at 7:26:47 a.m. New Year's day.

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RECORDS BROKEN

ENDURANCE FLIGHTS

Airplanes, Refueled, Crooy and Groenen of Belgium 60 hours, 7 minutes.

Airplanes, not Refueled, Ristics and Zimmerman of Germany—65 hours, 25 minutes.

Dirigibles, French Dixmude, 118 hours; Graf Zeppelin, 111 hours.

Spherical Balloon, Kaulen of Germany—87 hours.

DISTANCE FLIGHTS

Airplanes, Ferrarin and Del Prete of Italy, Italy to Brazil 4417 miles.

Dirigibles, Graf Zeppelin, Friedrichshafen, Germany, to New York 6000 miles (estimated).

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The first to fall was the straight duration flight record previously held by Crooy and Groenen of Belgium of 60 hours and 7 minutes. Next was Germany's great FAI world's record of 65 hours and 25 minutes by Ristics and Zimmerman; and late in the afternoon of the third day Kaulen's spherical balloon record of 87 hours was passed. The epochal flight of the Graf Zeppelin over the Atlantic Ocean last October of 111 hours, and the greatest previous record of all time for any air craft or balloon of 118 hours made by the French air craft Dixmude, were both passed early Jan. 6th.

The estimated distance of 11,000 miles surpasses any distance record with or without refueling—almost twice the distance covered by the Graf Zeppelin and nearly three times that of the courageous Italians Ferrarin and Del Prete in their record breaking flight from Italy to Brazil.

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EDITORIAL

WE ALL GREET the New Year with great hopes, bigger visions and sincere intentions. We have looked forward in January of each year and determined to do and be many things worth while.

What happens to all our resolutions by June or July? Have we forgotten? Have we lost hope? Why?

In the race of life to do or be some seem to be blessed with luck, and many make dismal failures. The cause is but one and the same lack of sufficient determination to overcome our habits of laziness, self exeuses and self pity. Inertia is pleasant, to go forward in the face of adversity takes strength of character. Write down you resolutions and put them on your dresser top, where you can see them EACH MORNING. Grade yourself on this accomplishment each evening.

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Peculiar Rent Laws Which Have Prevailed in Austria Since the War Are Responsible.

Vienna.—An ordinary moving van is the only home which Johan Bac, a coachman, has for himself, a wife and six children. Bac recently was ejected from his former home. There being no other accommodations available, he transferred his few belongings into the discarded body of a moving van.

Bac's situation is attributed by many Viennese to the peculiar rent laws which have prevailed in Austria since the war. When the Socialists succeeded in overthrowing the Hapsburgs and established a republic, they simultaneously inaugurated an almost pure Marxian regime based on the old thesis that all property is theft.

Claiming that landlords had suffered less than the rest of the population in the deflation of the national currency and the prewar state loans, the Socialists passed laws which deprived the landlords of their rents.

Viennese who were fortunate enough to have an apartment at the end of the war are today in the peculiarly fortunate position of living almost rent free. A conservative government has long since replaced the Socialists in the national parliament, but so strong is the "pay,no rent" idea at present that the regime could not be re-elected on a platform which advocated even half honest rents. The landlords are a minority, and the tenant vote is the important thing politically.

Austrian landlords receive approximately 10 cents per room per month. They can collect nothing else except the cost of cleaning and repairs. Tenants pay a slightly higher sum, but this extra money goes to the city for its municipal program.

During the last five years Vienna, a Socialist city, has built 30,000 apartments. Unless one is an organized worker and a faithful supporter of the Socialist party, however, it is practically impossible to obtain one of these new dwellings.

During the same time Vienna has lost almost 5 per cent of its population. With more houses and less inhabitants, one would expect that there would be a superfluity of empty rooms, but the exact opposite is the case.

Since they pay no rent for the empty house, every Viennese who has a room to let holds it for months on end in the hope that some rich foreigner will arrive and pay well for it. Hundreds, possibly thousands, of apartments in Vienna are occupied by one or two people each. Other hundreds belong to people who have moved to other cities and are held simply because it is cheaper for the tenant to pay the rent for a whole year than to pay a week's hotel bill when visiting the city.

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This evening Richard Barthelmess in "The Wheel of Chance." Saturday, Tom McCoy in "Morman's Last Raid." Next Wednesday and Thursday, Laura LaPlant in "Home James."

Feb. 3 and 4, "The Avalanche."

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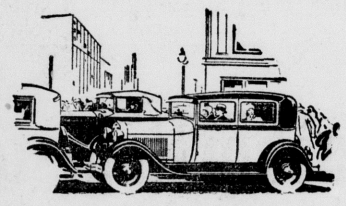

ONE of the first things you will notice when you drive the new Ford is the quick, effective, silent action of its six-brake system.

This system gives you the highest degree of safety and reliability because the four-wheel service brakes and the separate emergency or parking brakes are all of the mechanical, internal expanding type, with braking surfaces fully enclosed for protection against mud, water, sand, etc.

The many advantages of this type of braking system have long been recognized. They are brought to you in the new Ford through a series of mechanical improvements embodying much that is new in design and manufacture. A particularly unique feature is the simple way by which a special drum has been constructed to permit the use of two sets of internal brakes on the rear wheels.

A further improvement in braking performance is effected by the self-centering feature of the four-wheel brakes — an exclusive Ford development. Through this construction, the entire surface of the shoe is brought in steady, uniform contact with the drum the instant you press your foot on the brake pedal. This prevents screeching and howling and makes the Ford brakes unusually silent in operation.

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P. T. A. COUNCIL MEETS FEB. 21 AT PLEASANTON

Representative Elected For Children's Department Welfare Board

Mrs. J. W. Walters, former president of the Sixteenth District Parent-Teacher Association, was appointed to represent the Parent-Teacher Association on the board of the Children's Department, Welfare Board, at the council meeting held in Livermore last week.

Local delegates were Mrs. Harvey Braun, president of the Niles Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. J. E. Townsend and Mrs. E. Plumb.

Mrs. R. W. McCord, executive secretary of the Welfare Board, was present and explained the work of the Children's Department.

During the afternoon session, Mrs. Chas. Quayle, district chairman of recreation, spoke regarding the beautification of school yards, planting of trees, shrubs, etc. A prize is offered for the school making the most improvement and several of the schools in the township will follow up this suggestion. Mrs. Qualye also spoke of recreation in the home, the Campfire Girl program and other phases of wholesome pleasure for children.

The next meeting will be held in Pleasanton on Feb. 21, and will honor Founders' Day. Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, one of the founders of the Parent-Teacher Association in California, was a former resident of that town.

Local Club President at Reciprocity Tea

The memory of Edward MacDowell will be honored by the Glenview Women's club Friday afternoon when about 200 members and guests will assemble at the Women's City club for the annual reciprocity tea. Mrs. Walter Robie, of Alvarado, president of Washington Township club, is among the invited guests.

Mrs. Edgar N. Pickering, president, will preside. Among the honor guests will be Mrs. William Lauchland, district president of Federated clubs; Mrs. Luther Williamson, county president, and others.

Mrs. E. H. Thompson, county chairman of music, will present the Allegro string trio, who will be the guest artists.

Hayward Makes Move For Junior College

A junior college for Hayward! That is the last project announced by the Chamber of Commerce of that town and in connection with that is the discussion of the extension of the Southern Pacific electric line from San Leandro to the Hayward community.

Boosters insist that this is the logical place for a junior college as it is centrally located in the county, contains many transit advantages and has always maintained a high educational average.

What's the matter with Niles? Hasn't she good transportation facilities, isnt she more centrally located, with more picturesque surroundings? The only advantage Hayward has over Niles is that Hayward is incorporated and Niles isn't, and Hayward has a bunch of boosters.

Mrs. John Ralph's Father Passes Away

After a short illness, Peter Borden Lowrie, 77, resident of Alvarado for the last 40 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Ralph, on Jan. 22. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. John Ralph, of Alvarado, and Mrs. Walter Humphries, of Oakland.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Burr have purchased a new Whippet six sedan from the American Garage.

Miss Margaret Kling, of the DeLuxe Beauty Shop, spent Monday in San Francisco. She attended a permanent waving demonstration at the Elevator Shops.

The Annual Reports of Niles Church Are Given

About 90 people attended the first family supper for 1929 at the Niles Congregational church Friday evening, the occasion being featured by the election of officers, the burning of the mortgage, annual reports of the various departments of the church and a program of music by the girls' choir and story-telling by Rev. L. Duncan, of the Presbyterian Mission Board at San Francisco.

Officers Elected

Trustees: Mrs. A. A. Hatch, Mrs. W. H. Ford, Miss Martha Sanford, J. C. Shinn and J. E. Townsend.

Treasurer, E. A. Ellsworth.

Clerk, Mrs. Alma Inman Parker.

Deacons, E. A. Ellsworth and J. C. Shinn.

Deaconesses, Mrs. P. A. Ellis and Mrs. Mary Barnard.

Usher, Leon Amyx.

Brief reports were made by Mrs. Geo. Leal, Mrs. Parker and Miss Sanford regarding a recent meeting of the Federation of the Congregational Churches.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928,	$ 166.68
Subscriptions & offerings,	2146.21
Total	$2312.89

Disbursements

Pastor's salary,	$1500.00
C. C. Bldg. final paym't,	160.00
Janitor	145.45
Repair and Materials	41.41
Light	34.83
Gas Installation	22.25
Choir	101.75
Organist	66.00
Printing	41.51
Stamped Envelopes	16.92
Tinting in parsonage	52.00
Insurance	40.00
Coal	32.00
Newspaper Advt.	31.75
Cash in bank, Dec. 31	27.02
	$2312.89

Est. budget for 1929, $2260.00
Amount subscribed, 2155.20
Number subscribers for 1929, 80.
Number fully paid to Jan. 1, 1929 55.
Number Del. last Qrt, 25.
Amount still delinquent for last quarter, $103.15.
Number delinquent for prior to Oct. 1, 1928, 7.
Amount delinquent for prior to Oct. 1, 1928, $39.50.
Number delinquent for prior to July 1, 1928, 3.
Amount delinquent for prior to July 1, 1928, $15.

Mortgage Burned

Mrs. A. A. Hatch had charge of the mortgage burning. "This mortgage was fully paid up last July but I don't know why it was not destroyed unless we felt that we would be lonesome without it since we had it with us for so long.

"The changing of the gymnasium into a flat cost $2600. We borrowed $2000 from the bank. When we had reduced the debt to $1600 the church building society took it over without interest and we pledged to pay $320 a year. Our Easter offering has been used for this purpose. We hope you will not fail to respond to our call at Easters to come so that we may accumulate a fund to take care of the maintenance and repairs of this building. It is only a question of time as to when we shall have to repair the roof, windows, painting, etc.

"I am going to ask two of our children, Vernon Ellsworth and Anna Milicent Shinn, to burn the mortgage. They are the third generation of these church families that have helped to build and support this church.

"I want to thank each and every one of you that have helped to pay this debt, also for your help toward the yearly budget, making it possible to carry on this work."

Ladies' Guild Report

The report of the Ladies' Guild was given by Mrs. C. E. Martenstein, secretary, as follows in part:

"Average attendance at the guild meetings, 16.

"The guild served two dinners to the Men's Club of Washington Township, netting a sum used for work of the organization. The bazaar cleared $178.50.

"Cleared from the campaign for Township Register subscriptions, $19.

"From the sale of 'Xmas cards through the service of Miss Sanford, $433.88.

"From a chain of four luncheons, $26.00.

"During the past year the guild donated to the Near East Relief, $5.00.

"To the Pacific School of Religion, $10.

"Groceries for a poor family $2.

"Added to pastor's salary, $104.

"Instl'n of gas stove, $71.85.

"Family dinners, $19.50.

"Garden work, $9.35.

"Telephone, $20.

"Church Tinting, $270.

These with other miscellantous items totalled $521.70.

"In closing, let me say that our president, Mrs. A. A. Hatch, wishes me to extend to all the ladies of our community a most cordial invitation to attend our Guild Meeting.

Clerk's Report

Total number of members, Jan 1, 1929, 52.
Total number of new members admitted, 11. (Participating Members).
Number admitted on confession, none.
Number of families included in parish, 20.
Number of infants baptised, 2.
Number removed during 1928, 0.
Participating members received during 1928: Mrs. B. E. Zmyx, Leon Amyx, Dick Amyx, Bob Amyx, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Townsend, Alice B. Kimber, Mr and Mrs. R. W. Mendenhal, Leona Naphan, Lois Abrott.

The minutes of last years's annual meeting were also read.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. To Lay Gas Mains to Milpitas

Construction of the projected $6,000,000 gas line from near Bakersfield to San Francisco and the Eastbay early this spring was forecast this past week when the Pacific Gas and Electric Company confirmed reports that the company has just awarded a contract for the purchase of 27,000 tons of welded gas line.

The company plans the laying of a 20-inch line from Buttonwillow, Kern county, to Milpitas in Santa Clara county, a distance of 20 miles.

On the basis of present gas consumption, it has been estimated that gas consumers on the bay area would save approximately $300,000 per year with the advent of the new line.

PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. Mary Rose, formerly employed by Dr. C. H. Law, is in the Hayward General Hospital, seriously ill with acute appendicitis.

Farrington's Electric Service—"To Be Sure"—Telephone 111, Centerville. j17-c

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth and family were present at the "Mother's Millions" performance in Oakland Saturday.

Guild's Successful Meet Attended by 25

Twenty-five attended the meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the Niles Congregational church. Practice of hymns is a new feature. Mrs. P. A. Ellis and Mrs. Alma Inman Parker served as hostesses.

Burton Wing and his sister, Mrs. Oldenhedge, are again occupying one of the Belvoir cottages.

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P. T. A. BENEFIT CARD PARTY ON NEXT FRIDAY

Principal and Teachers Have Charge of Arrangements

A card party for the benefit of the Niles Parent-Teacher Association will be given by the teachers of the grammar school a week from Friday evening, February 1, at 8 o'clock. All patrons and friends of this institution are urged to attend and help make this affair a big success.

Principal E. D. Bristow and his faculty have charge of arrangements.

BABY HOSPITAL FORMING GROUPS FOR JUNIORS

Organization of junior branches of the Baby Hospital Association forms the innovation among the various groups of this organization for the new year, one such branch having been announced at the luncheon last week in the Rock Ridge Womens club where the directors and several hundred members gathered.

Mrs. A. J. King presided. Chairman of the branches made their reports, the total sum received being $30,05.85 as compared to $28,000 last year.

Mrs. J. E. Townsend and Miss Martha Sanford will serve as hostesses at the meeting of the Niles Guild on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Miscellaneous

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PERSONAL NEWS

R. Cozzi and family, of San Francisco, were in Niles Sunday. Mr. Cozzi is spending his mid-winter vacation here.

Tony Rose who was injured several months ago in an automobile accident near the California Nursery, was visiting friends in Niles last week. He has been discharged from the hospital but is still receiving treatments.

IRVINGTON

Dr. J. H. Durham, Mrs. C. A. Lutz, Mrs. Jane Blacow, Mrs. G. Bernal attended the evangelistic services which are being held in the Decoto Community church every Wednesday evening. The services were in charge of Rev. J. R. Stevenson.

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MR. and Mrs. H. F. Weston went on a business trip to Oakland on Wednesday.

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Little Jack Fisher, who has been ill for some time, has now resumed school.

Food Sale Saturday by Irvington Ladies

The trustees of the Irvington Community Church are giving a food sale on Saturday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce room, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Hanna Knudsen and Miss Nellie Beardsley are in charge.

TOYAN BRANCH TO HAVE LUNCH AT PALO ALTO

Mrs. Will Patterson will entertain Toyan Branch of the Baby Hospital Association at her home in Palo Alto Monday at 1 o'clock, at luncheon.

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TWO NEW MEMBERS IN WELFARE CLUB, NO. 1

Meeting Held Monday At Home of Chairman Mrs. Dusterberry

Two new members were elected to the Welfare Club, No. 1, at the meeting held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Frank Dusterberry, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. Will Patterson resigned as circumstances prevented their giving time to the work and Mrs. F. O. Bunting, of Centerville, and Mrs. P. A. Ellis, of Niles, were elected to fill their places.

Seventeen were present and sewed upon garments for the Children's Department of the Welfare Board. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. M. Hudson, on Monday, February 18.

Announcement was made of the card party to be given by the Hill and Valley Club, of Hayward, on February 4, at the Green Shutter Hotel for the benefit of the Child Welfare work.

Reports of the last meeting and of the Christmas celebration at the Children's Home were given. Following the business meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The N. D. G. W. card party announced in last week's paper for Anderson's Hall was given by the Centerville parlor. The Niles N. D. G. W., held their party Saturday evening at Mrs. Creed Domenici's, eight tables being filled

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CARD PARTY AT COUNTRY CLUB NEXT THURSDAY

Members Are Urged To Bring Guests and to Have Tables Reserved for Them

The first event of the year planned by the ways and means committee of the Country Club of Washington Township will be the card party to be given next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Fred Mitte, chairman, has charge of arrangements and announces that ten prizes have already been secured. Refreshments will be served following the game.

"This is a splendid opportunity to bring guests and repay some of your social obligations," states Mrs. Mitte. "We are planning to have nice refreshments and splendid prizes. Be sure to reserve your tables for the guests you have invited."

RAY DAVIS HAS PLUMBING DEPT. AT C. R. ABROTT'S

Raymond Davis, one of Niles' boys, has come back. He has taken charge of the plumbing department at C. R. Abrott's store and will be glad to give prompt and efficient service to his old friends and new patrons.

Call at Abrott's to see Mr. Davis or telephone him at Niles 120-W.

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Edgar Stevenson has accepted a position with a firm in Oakland.

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Miss Laurence Wyatt spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyatt.

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Miss Ruth Fuller spent a few days visiting friends in the bay region.

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Mr. and Mrs Collins entertained a number of young people last Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C Murray, of Dumbarton Oaks, visited with the Ruschin family last week.

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Bert Fuller spent a day with his family here.

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Edward Collins spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E Collins.

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Mrs John Pope and daughter, Kathleen, spent Sunday with relatives in San Francisco.

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Mrs. Margaret Kagey visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Kolher in Burlingame last week.

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Mrs. James Steinhoff was a visitor in the east bay region last week.

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Miss Elsie Haley, of San Francisco, visited with her aunt, Mrs. M. W. Flaherty.

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Frank Jones has resumed his duties with the James Graham Manufacturing Company, after a severe attack of illness. His many friends are glad to see him out again.

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James Steinhoff, son, Irving, and daughter, Aileen, hiked to Mission Peak to see the snow.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Stone-road were recent visitors in San Jose.

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Reverend McCall has been called by the church board to work in the home mission fields.

It is with deep regret that the members of the Presbyterian church see him go.

A banquet was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. McCall last week at which more than sixty people were present. Later in the evening there was a most interesting program.

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The news of the death of Rev. James Curry on the 14th of this month was received with much sorrow.

Just the week before several of our town's people had seen him, and he seemed in his usual good health and spirits.

He was pastor of the Presbyterian church here from 1907 to 1923, and in this time all learned to love him and his dear wife.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Curray and daughter in this sad bereavement.

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Edgar Stevenson is working in Oakland, and the family is contemplating moving there in the near future.

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Reverend Waite, of Richmond, preached in the Presbyterian church both morning and evening on Sunday.

Legion Council Has Meeting at Livermore

The January meeting of the county councils of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary was held last week in Livermore. G. O. Smallcomb, of the Livermore Post, was appointed to confer with the board of supervisors relative to the construction of a veterans' memorial building in Livermore, Pleasanton, Hayward, San Leandro and Albany.

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WHO ARE LAW-BREAKERS WHOSE FINES WOULD GO TO INCORPORATED CITY?

(Recently at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, W. B. Kirk asked who were the law-breakers whose fines would go into the city treasury if Niles were incorporated. Here are a few who would donate about $100 toward the salary of a city judge.)

Drivers whose cars have glaring headlights are in danger of feeling the heavy hand of the law, as seen in the several cases appearing before Judge J. A. Silva for various traffic offenses Tuesday.

Those drawing fines amounting to approximately $100 were: G. A. Adams, 516 Virginia street, Richmond, speeding, $10; Robert Z. Hall, 192 South Twelfth street, San Jose, speeding, $10; Ralph C. Knight, box 461, Mount Vernon, speeding, $10; Dick Southerland, 107 Ricardo avenue, Piedmont, $5; Fred T. Scripps, Box B, Frat house, Stanford, speeding, $10; Beryl Smith, 439 Lincoln avenue, Palo Alto, speeding, $10.

H. Y. Takauye, R. F. D. box 113, Newark, glaring head-headlights, $2; Leonard Zaiser, box 234, San Francisco, glaring headlights, $2; Byron B. Keeton, Red Bluff, speeding, $10; Shirley L. Howe, 1627 Patterson street, Fresno, $10; Ed. Roy Simons, restrictions as to tires, $2; Harry B. Blanton, 850 Trestle Glen avenue, speeding, $5. Sam Regzio, 1105 West Twelfth street, speeding, $5.

BILLS WOULD EFFECT JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES OF TOWNSHIP

Two bills are before the legislature which have received the endorsement of the judicial committee and which would seriously effect the justices and constables in the township.

The first bill refers to townships of less than 10,000 population and provides that they should have only one justice and one constable. This would effect Constable Silva or Consctable Bernardo and either Judge Allen G. Norris or Judge J. A. Silva, if passed.

The other bill refers to townships of more than 10,000 and provides that all justices shall be attorneys qualified to practice before the superior court. This would effect Judge J. A. Silva, of Niles; Judge P. C. Quinn, of Pleasanton; Judge J. S. Fitzgerald, of Livermore; and Judge Jacob Harder, of Hayward.

Washington Township by the 1920 census has less than 10,000 inhabitants. By the 1930 census figures will probably be higher.

GAS STATION PUMP DAMAGED BY THIEF

Complete over-hauling of the gasoline pump at the Farrington Service Station in the canyon will be necessary after an unknown person attempted to steal gasoline last Friday evening. Not knowing how to manipulate the pump the would-be thief was unsuccessful but succeeded in damaging the apparatus considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gabrial, of Oakland, spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. D. Vargus, of Niles.

Neighbors Woodcraft Officers Installed

Neighbors of Woodcraft installed officers at the Niles I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday evening, as follows:

Julia McKeown, Ida Easterday, Rose Klinkle, Dorothy Cary, Elvira Oliver, Theresa Oliver, Alice Lucas, Joe McKeown, Joe Oliver, Tony Meller, Carrie Martin, Phoebe Ford, Rose Schneider, Martha Crane, Sarah Crane, Jane Smith.

Several visitors were present from Hayward and Oakland. Following the program refreshments were served.

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The Settling of the Sage

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—At the Warren ranch, the "Three Bar," on the fringe of the "cow country," a stranger applies for work as a rider He is engaged by the owner, Williamette Ann Warren—known to all as "Billie." The girl's father, Cal Warren, had been the original owner of the place. The question whether the territory is to remain "cow country" or be opened to settlement is a troublesome one.

CHAPTER II.—Cattle "rustlers" have been troubling the ranch owners, the Three Bar, with a girl boss having suffered more than others. The new hand gives his name as Cal Harris. By his announcement in favor of "squatters" he incurs the enmity of a rider known as Morrow. The will made by Cal Warren stipulated that half the property should go to the son of his old friend, William Harris, under certain conditions. The new arrival is the man, and he discloses the fact to Billie. The girl is suspicious of her new rider and takes counsel with her friend, the ranch cook, "Waddles." He quiets her fears.

CHAPTER III.—Harris' method of wearing the inevitable "gun" rather excites the girl's derision, though to herself she admits she is impressed by his manner. Slade, a ranchman with an unsavory reputation as a "bad man," visits Billie. He has long wanted to marry her, but she dislikes and fears him. Slade, endeavoring to embrace Billie, is interrupted by Harris. The men, on the verge of gun play, are quieted by Billie, but mutual enmity is established. Harris' half jesting proposal that the girl marry him and so settle the matter of the ranch ownership, is indignantly rejected, but the man declares he will remain on the place and restore its prosperity waning under Billie's rule.

CHAPTER IV.—The regular calf round-up is begun. While the riders are at their evening meal, far out on the range, six outsiders join them. Billie knows them to be "rustlers," who, under the leadership of Slade and a man named Harper, have in the past stolen Three Bar cattle. To test Harris' courage the girl appoints him temporary foreman, suggesting that he order the visitors to leave. Somewhat to her surprise, he does so. The men depart, making threats. Billie made Harris permanent foreman. Catching Morrow leaving cattle where they can be stolen, Harris discharges him. Morrow leaves, and Harris realizes he has made a deadly enemy. Also, he knows that Harper, Slade, and the rest of the "rustlers" now will know with whom they have to deal.

CHAPTER V.—Riding with Billie a man, presumably Morrow, shoots at Harris. Three Bar riders start in pursuit of Morrow One of them, Bangs, is ambushed and killed Riley Foster, Bangs' chum, swears vengeance on the killers, the tracks of a party of riders being seen. Harris outlines his plans for bringing settlers into the country. Waddles agrees with him, and the girl writes to her lawyer, Judge Colton, asking advice. In the meantime Harris tells her he has already arranged for the introduction of settlers whom he has selected for their peculiar fitness to cope with the desperate situation which he and Billie are facing

CHAPTER VI.—The settlers begin to arrive, all men well armed and capable of looking after themselves. Harris, in a talk with Harper, arranges a truce between the Three Bar owners and the rustlers.

CHAPTER VII.—Carlos Deane, a Denver lawyer, deeply in love with Billie, visits the outfit. Barton, notorious rustler, is found dead. Slade remonstrates with Billie for encouraging settlers. The girl defies him, and he threatens to, "break" the Three Bar Another rustler, Magill, is killed. All realize Riley Foster is carrying out his threat of vengeance for Bangs' murder

CHAPTER VIII.—Sheriff Alden begins a search for the slayer of the rustlers, but can get no evidence. Deane urges Billie to marry him and get away from such scenes of violence, but the girl's heart is set on the rehabilitation of the ranch, and she puts him off. At a dance given to celebrate the completion of the round-up, and at which Billie is present, Foster kills a rustler named Canfield, and Harper, and is himself killed as he boasts he has slain four men to avenge Bangs.

CHAPTER IX.—Cabins are rapidly being erected and land plowed for cultivation. The Three Bar beef herd, on the way to the railroad, is stampeded, evidently at the instigation of Slade, but little harm is done. Harris is convinced a rustler named Lang did the actual stampeding. Billie makes a grim determination to wage a fight to the finish against the outlaws who have terrorized the law-abiding element of the community.

CHAPTER X.—Rumor, fostered by Harris, that the Three Bar has set a price on the heads of fifteen of the best known rustlers creates uneasiness among the "bad men" of the neighborhood. Sheriff Alden begins to enroll deputies. A year has passed since Harris' arrival at the Three Bar, and the place has become a beehive of activity. The sheriff, with Harris and Waddles, endeavors to arrest Slade and Morrow. They resist, and in the fight Morrow is killed and Slade wounded. It seems to be the beginning of the end of the reign of lawlessness.

CHAPTER XI.—With most of the Three Bar riders away, their cattle are stampeded and cabins burned. Harris, with Waddles and Billie, stand off the attackers until the riders return. Enormous damage has been done, but Harris is not dismayed. A sheriff's posse and the Three Bar men attack a stockade, Lang's headquarters, from which the attack on the ranch had been made, and practically wipe out the desperadoes. Billie, her spirit almost broken, arranges to visit Judge Colton, but Harris sets about the work of repairing the damage done by their enemies. He sees the ending of the trouble over the settling of the country, in the last desperate act of the lawless element.

CHAPTER XII.—City life palls on Billie, and she longs for the open air and the freedom of the ranch. She learns, also, that Slade has been released, and fears for Harris' safety. At Coldriver, the settlement nearest to the Three Bar, her train pulls in at the moment of a duel to the death between Harris and Slade, in which the latter is killed. Next day, unannounced, she goes to the ranch, to find the nucleus of a prosperous community where she had left desolation. Harris has done his work well, and there is no longer a question of divided ownership of the Three Bar, a fact which Billie had realized almost from the time of Harris' arrival

The days of the open range in the cattle industry were as romantic as anything that ever occurred under feudalism. The owners of important brands were veritable barons in their respective territories, making their own laws—unwritten but none the less effective—and keeping large forces of retainers to protect their rule. These helpers were selected for their physical courage no less than their ability as ranch hands and were capable of being changed speedily into a fighting force—a sort of irregular, but highly efficient cavalry.

Events were frequently of a grim nature and at all times exciting. As in the days of medievalism, the lesser barons held allegiance to more powerful princes, the magnates of the industry. It was a colorful regime presenting strong attraction for adventurers. Thievery and outlawry flourished, but with all the irregularity and roughness, there was a chivalry and code of honor. Certain infractions of the rules brought a swift and unrelenting justice.

The transition from ranges to farms—the settling of the sage—was a stirring period. The change was resisted by the cattlemen in much the same spirit and with similar sanguinary accompaniments as the barons of old resisted the despoiling of their feudatory powers. But the old order had to pass. The march of law and the establishment of orderliness could not be denied.

This story deals with the appearance of settlers and the breaking up of the range. It is located in a section where cattlemen were especially antagonistic and resistant where no portion of the range had ever been fenced and where signs were posted at frequent intervals notifying any would be homesteader not to tarry in any part of the country. The wording was, "Squatter, don't let the sun go down on you." The tale is full of the romance and the thrill of the period. It is made more interesting from the fact that its principal character was a cattleman who espoused the cause of the homesteaders and had to fight to the extent of his resources on account of the stand he took.

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The deputy turned his horse into the corral and five minutes later Harris and Waddles rode away. Waddles was mounted on Creamer, the big buckskin.

"We'll have to step right along," Harris said. "It's forty miles."

They held the horses to a stiff swinging trot that devoured the miles without seeming to tire their mounts. For four hours they headed south and a little east, never slacking their pace except to breathe the horses on some steep ascent. The buckskin and the paint-horse had lost the first snap of their trot and it was evident that they would soon begin to lag. An other hour and they had slowed down perceptibly.

The two men dismounted and tied the horses to the brush in a sheltered coulee, then started across a broad flat on foot. Out in the center a spot showed darker than the rest—the old cabin where Carpenter had elected to start up for himself after being discharged from the Three Bar.

When within a hundred yards of the cabin a horse, tied to a hiten post in front, neighed shrilly and Harris laid a restraining hand of Waddles' arm. They knelt in the brush as the door opened and a man stood silhouetted against the light. After a space of two minutes Carp's voice reached them.

"Not a sound anywheres," he said. "Likely some horses drifting past." He went inside and closed the door. The two men circled the cabin and came up from the rear A window stood open some eight inches from the bottom. Through the holes in the ragged flour sack that served as a curtain Harris secured a view of the inside. Carp and Slade sat facing across a little table in the center of the room.

"I want to clean up and go," Carp was saying. "This d—n Harris put me on the black list."

"You've been on it for three months," Slade said. "Nothing has happened yet. But don't let me keep you from pulling out any time you like."

"But I've got a settlement to make," Carp insisted. "Let's get that fixed up."

"Settlement?" Slade asked. "Settlement with who?"

Carpenter leaned across the table and tapped it to emphasize his remarks.

"Listen. Morrow gave me a bill of sale from you calling for a hundred head of Three Bar she-stock, rebranded Triangle on the hip."

Slade nodded shortly.

"I gave Morrow that for two years' back pay when he quit. He could sell out to you if he liked."

"And now I want to sell out," Carp said. "And be gone from here."

"How many head have you got?" Slade asked.

"Three hundred head," Carp stated.

"You've increased right fast," Slade remarked. "I'd think you'd want to stay where you was doing so well. How much do you want?"

"Five dollars straight through," Carp said.

Cheap enough," Slade answered. "If only a man was in the market." He looked straight at Carp and the man's eyes slipped away from Slade's steady gaze. "But I'm not buying. Likely Morrow will buy you out."

"Morrow ought to be here now," Carp stated. "He's coming tonight."

"Then I'd better go," Slade said. "I don't like Morrow's ways."

The thud of horse's hoofs sounded from close at hand. The two men outside lay flat in the shadow of the house. A shrill whistle, twice repeated, called Carp to his feet and he crossed to the door to answer it. Morrow dismounted and came to the door. He nodded briefly to Slade, hesitating on the sill as if surprised to find him there. Carp lost no time in stating his proposition. He spoke jerkily.

"I want to get out," he said. "I'll sell for five dollars a head."

Morrow held up a hand to silence him.

"I'll likely buy—but I never talk business in a crowd." He crossed the room and sat with his back to the window. "There's plenty of time."

"I take it I'm the crowd," Slade remarked. "So I'll step out."

Morrow stiffened suddenly in his chair as a cold ring was pressed against the back of his neck through the crack of the window. At the same instant Carp had tilted back and raised one knee. The gun that rested on his leg was peering over the table at Slade.

"Steady!" he ordered. "Sit tight!"

The window was thrown up to its full height by Waddles and the curtain snatched away from the gun which Harris held against Morrow's neck. Carp flipped back his vest and revealed a marshal's badge.

"I'd as soon take you along feet first as any way," he said. "So if you feel like acting up you can start any time now."

Slade's eyes came back from the two men at the window and rested on the badge.

"So that's it," he said with evident relief. "A real arrest—when I figured it was an old-fashioned murder you planned. What do you want with me?"

Waddles had reached down and removed Morrow's gun.

"A number of things," Carpenter said. "Obstructing the homestead laws for one."

Slade shook his head and smiled.

"You've got the wrong party," he said. "You can't prove anything on me."

"I don't count on that," Carp said "You've covered up right well. We know you work through Morrow, but can't prove a word. We've got enough to hang you; but I expect maybe you'll get off."

There was a scrape of feet outside the door and the sheriff entered and took possession of Slade's gun as Harris and Waddles moved round from the window and went inside.

"I'm a few minutes late," Alden said. "I wasn't right sure how close I was to the house so I left my horse too far back."

"Here's your prisoners," Carp said. "Captured and delivered as agreed. I haven't anything on Slade myself, but if you want him, he's yours."

"What do you want with me?" Slade demanded a second time.

"I'm picking you up on complaint made by the Three Bar," Alden said. "I'll have to take you along."

Slade turned to Harris.

"What charge?" he asked.

"Killing twelve Three Bar bulls on the last day of August," Harris stated.

"I was out with the ranger," Slade said. "Back in the hills. You know that yourself. That charge won't stick."

Then maybe it was the second of May," Harris returned. "I sort of forget."

Slade suddenly grasped the significance of this arrest.

"How many of you fellows are pussy-footing round out here?" he inquired of Carp.

"I don't mind confessing that several of the boys are riding for you," Carp informed. "But while we've cinched Morrow we haven't been able to trace it back to you I even got put on the black list, thinking you might do business with me direct after that—knowing my word wouldn't stand against yours. But not you! You've covered your tracks."

Carp spoke softly, as if to himself, detailing his failure to gather conclusive evidence against Slade.

"I even run your rebrand on fifty or so Three Bar cows. You knew there wasn't a dollar changed hands when Morrow gave me that paper which licensed me to rustle my own she-stock. The idea in my starting up was to run your rebrand on any number of Three Bar cows Later Morrow would buy me out—acting for you; can't be proved. Oh, you're in the clear, all right."

Slade broke in on the monologue. This recitation of his probable immunity from conviction on every count, far from reassuring him, served to confirm his original suspicion as to the reason for this arrest without witnesses. If the sheriff had wanted him he had but to send word for Slade to come in He threw out one last line and the answer convinced him beyond all doubt.

"Then a lawyer will have me out in an hour," he predicted.

"A lawyer could," Alden said. "If you saw one. But we've decided not to let you have access to legal advice for the first few days."

Slade turned to Carpenter.

"This sort of thing is against the law," he said. "You're a United States marshal. How can you go in on a kidnaping deal?"

"I'm not in on it," Carp shrugged. "The sheriff asked me to arrest you at the first opportunity. I've turned you over to him. The rest is his affair. Besides, like I was mentioning, they can't prove a thing on you. As soon as they're convinced of that they'll turn you loose."

The sheriff nodded gravely.

"The very day I'm satisfied Harris can't prove his charges I'll throw open the doors. You'll be a free man that minute."

A vision of the near future swept across Slade's mind. If he should be locked up for three months and discharged for lack of evidence it would wreck him as surely as the rumors of the last three months had cut Lang's men off from the rest of the world. Squatters had filed on every available site throughout his range, and now waited to see if the Three Bar would win its fight. If the news should be spread that he was locked up these nesters would rush in. On his release he would find them everywhere. With marshals scattered through the ranks of his own men, intent on upholding the homestead laws, he would be helpless to drive them out. If they locked him up at this time he was lost.

He nodded slowly.

"Well, I guess you've got me," he said. "I don't see that it will amount to much, anyway. Sooner or later you'll let me out." He raised his arms high above his head and stretched. Under cover of this casual move he swiftly raised one foot.

Slade planted his boot on the edge of the light table and gave a tremendous shove. The far edge caught the sheriff across the legs and overthrew him. The lantern crashed to the floor and at the same instant Morrow aimed a sidewise sweeping kick at Carpenter's ankles. As the marshal went down his head struck the corner post of a bunk and he did not rise.

With a single sweep Morrow caught the back of his chair and swung it above his head for the spot which Waddles had occupied at the instant the light went out. The weapon splintered in his hands as it found its mark, and as the big man struck the dirt floor Morrow leaped for the dim light which indicated the open door.

A huge paw clamped on one ankle and a back-handed wrench sent him flying across the room to the far wall. With a sweep of the other hand Waddles slammed the door with a bang that jarred the cabin.

"We've got 'em trapped," the big voice exulted. "We've got 'em sewed in a sack."

Harris made one long reach and swung the butt of his gun for Slade's head as the table went down, but Slade, with the same motion, vaulted the prostrate sheriff. The force of the blow threw Harris off his balance and as he tripped and reeled to his knees Slade's boot heel scored a glancing blow on his skull and floored him. He regained his feet, gripping a fragment of the chair Morrow had smashed over Waddles' head, and struck at a dim form which loomed against the vague light of the window.

The shape closed with him and he went down in a corner with Slade. Slade struck him twice in the face, writhed away and gained his feet, back-slashing at Harris' head with his spurs. Harris caught a hand-hold in the long fur of the other's chaps, wrapped both arms round Slade above the knees and dragged him back. His hand found Slade's throat and he squeezed down on it as the man raised both knees and thrust them against his stomach to break the hold. Slade's arm swept a circle on the floor in search of the gun Harris had dropped, but he was jerked a foot from the floor and Harris jammed his head against the log wall—jammed again and Slade crumpled into a limp heap. Harris held him there, unwilling to take a chance lest the other might be feigning unconsciousness. But Slade was out of the fight.

The sheriff struggled to his feet as Waddles tossed Morrow back from the door and slammed it shut. He closed with Morrow, but the man eluded him. He dared not shoot with friends and enemies struggling all about the black pit of the little room.

Morrow leaped one way, then the opposite, as the sheriff groped for him. Alden turned toward a rattle at the stove as he heard Slade's head crunch against the wall under Harris' savage thrust.

"Down him!" Waddles roared. "Tear him down! Tear him down! I'm holding the door."

From the corner by the stove an iron pot hurtled across the room for

Dragged From the Saddle by the Jerk of One Mighty Hand.

the sound of the voice and crashed against the wall a foot from his head. A second kettle struck Alden in the chest and he went down. Waddles saw the light vanish from the window, then reappear. Morrow had made a headlong dive through the little opening.

Waddles swung back the door and sprang outside as Morrow vaulted to the saddle. The big man lunged and tackled both horse and man as a grizzly would seek to batter down his prey.

The frightened horse struck at him, numbing one leg with the blow of an iron-shod forefoot, then reared and wheeled away from the thing which sprang at him, but Waddles retained his grip in the animal's mane, his other hand clamped on Morrow's ankle.

The rider leaned and struck him on the head. The crazed horse shook Waddles off, but as he fell the other man fell with him, dragged from the saddle by the jerk of one mighty hand. They rolled apart and Morrow leaped to his feet, but Waddles had wrenched the leg already numbed by the striking horse and it buckled under him and let him back to the ground as he put his weight on it. He reached for his gun. A form loomed above him, a heavy rock upraised in both hands. The gun barked just as a downward sweep of the arms started the rock for his head. Morrow pitched down across him and Waddles swept him aside with a single thrust.

He rose and stirred the limp shape at his side.

"Dead bird!" Waddles announced and turned to limp back to the cabin.

A match flared inside as Harris lighted the lantern. Carpenter stirred and sat up, moving one hand along the gash in his scalp. The sheriff stooped and snapped a pair of handcuffs on Slade's wrists. They splashed water on his face and he opened his eyes. He regarded the steel bracelets at his wrists as he was helped to his feet and turned to Harris.

"Don't forget that I'll kill you for this," he said. It was a simple statement, made without heat or bluster, and aside from this one remark he failed to speak a syllable until the sheriff rode away with him.

The sheriff waved the lantern outside the door and before he lowered it two deputies rode up, leading his horse.

"We started at that shot," one of them announced in explanation of their prompt arrival.

Alden motioned Slade to his horse and helped him up.

"Shoot him out of the saddle if he makes a break," he ordered briefly.

"Now you can move against those men I've sworn out complaints for," Harris said to Alden. "Public sentiment has turned against them to such an extent that they won't get any help—and there won't be any to fill their places, once we've cleaned them up. Deputize the whole Three Bar crew when you're ready to start."

The sheriff nodded and led the way with the two deputies riding close behind, one riding on either side of Slade.

CHAPTER XI

THE freight wagons rattled away from the Three Bar as the first light showed in the east, and the grind of wheels on gravel died out in the distance as Harris and Billie finished their breakfast.

The hands had come in from the round-up the night before, prior to the return of Harris and Waddles from their mysterious two-day trip in response to the sheriff's message, and Evans had led them to Brill's for a night of play. They were due back at the ranch in the early forenoon and Harris had allowed the freighters to depart before the others arrived.

"What did Alden want?" Billie asked, referring to the trip from which he and Waddles had returned late the night before.

"We made a call on Carp," he said. "He had some good news we've been waiting for."

"Then Carp is a Three Bar plant," she said.

"He's a U. S. plant," Harris corrected. "But he's been working in with us to get something on Slade—to gather proof that he's behind these squatter raids of the last few years and the ones they've aimed at us up to date. He couldn't get a shred that would hold in court. But Slade is almost through. His claws are clipped."

The girl started to question him as to Carp's activities, but after the first sentence she became aware that his attention was riveted on something other than her words. He had thrown up his head like a startled buck and was peering down the valley.

Her range-bred ears caught and correctly interpreted the sound which had roused him. A distant rumble reached her and the surface of the earth seemed to vibrate faintly beneath her feet. She knew the jar for the pounding of thousands of hoofs, the drone for the far-off bawling of frightened cows. A low black line filled the valley from side to side, rushing straight on up the gently sloping bottoms for the Three Bar flat.

"They're on us," Harris said "I might have known. Get back to the house—quick!"

As they ran she noticed that his eyes were not upon the surging mass of cows in the valley but were trained on the broken slopes back of the house.

"Anyway, they don't want you," he said. "We'll do the best we can. I made that prediction about clipping Slade's claws too soon. What with Slade locked up and Morrow six feet underground, I was overconfident. I might have known it was planned ahead."

His face was lined with anxiety, an expression she had never before seen him wear even in the face of emergency. She had no time to question him about the assertions relative to Morrow and Slade.

The front rank of the stampede was bearing down on the lower fence. The barrier went down as so much spider web before the drive; posts were broken short, wire was snapped and dragged, and three thousand head of cows pounded on across the meadows.

The girl had a sickening realization that the work of a year would be blotted out in a space of seconds under those churning hoofs. It seemed that she must die of sheer grief as she witnessed the complete devastation of the fields she had watched day by day with such loving care. The stampede swept the full length of the meadow and held on for the house.

The foremost cows struck the corrals and they went down with a splintering crash under the pressure from behind. She looked out on a sea of tossing horns and heaving backs as the herd rushed through the heavy log buildings shaking from the mass of animals jammed against them and squeezing past.

The force of the run was spent on the steep slope back of the house and the head split into detachments and moved off through the hills.

The west side of the house was windowless, a blank wall built against the standing winds. Waddles was busily engaged in knocking out a patch of chinking and endeavoring to work a loophole between the logs. Harris was similarly engaged.

He pointed down the valley to the south and she turned mechanically and crossed to that window. A few riders showed on the ridges on either flank of the valley.

"They were cached up there to pick us off if we rode down to try and turn the run," he said.

She nodded without apparent interest. What might transpire now seemed a matter to be viewed with indifference.

"It's time for me to go," Harris said. "I'll hold the bunk house. Good luck, Billie—we'll hold 'em off."

He turned to Waddles who still worked to make a loophole through the blank wall.

"If it gets too hot put her outside and tell her to give herself up. Even Lang would know that the whole country would be hunting them tomorrow if they touched her. They won't if they can help it. But this is their last hope—to trust to one final raid. They'll go through with it. Make her go outside if it comes to that."

He opened the door and leaped across the twenty yards of open space which separated the main building from the bunk house, barred the door and looked from the south window. The riders along the valley rims had descended to the bottoms. Smoke was already rising from one homestead cabin and they were riding toward the rest. Two men had dismounted by the head gate.

Harris cursed himself for not having anticipated this very thing. The whole plan was clear to him. Slade would have known that when the cowhands came in from the round-up there would follow the inevitable night at Brill's. Morrow had mapped out the raid long in advance, engaging Lang to gather the cows throughout the first night the round-up crew was in from the range and hold them a few miles from the ranch. Lang could not know that Slade was locked up and that Morrow was dead, so the raid had gone through as planned.

Smoke was rising from two more cabins in the flats and Harris reproached himself for another oversight in allowing the wagons to pull out before the others arrived. The crop would have been ruined in any event, but with the hands at home they could have prevented the destruction of the cabins.

He transferred his attention to the long line of log buildings a hundred yards to the east. The row afforded perfect cover for any who chose that route of approach. They could walk up to them in absolute safety, screened both from himself and those in the main house.

As he watched the doors and windows for sign of a movement within, a voice hailed them from the shop.

"You might as well come out," it called. "We're going to fire the plant."

Harris stretched prone on the floor and rested the muzzle of his rifle on a crack between the logs. It was hard shooting. He was forced to shift the butt end of the gun, moving it with himself to line the sights instead of swinging the free end of the barrel. He trained it on a crack some two feet from the door of the shop. Behind the aperture the light of a window on the far side shone faintly.

"Come out!" the voice ordered. "Or we'll cook you inside. We've no time to lose. Rush it!"

The light disappeared from the crack and Harris pressed the trigger. With the roar of his gun a shape pitched down across the door of the shop. Some unseen hands caught the man by the feet and as he was dragged back from sight Harris saw the red handkerchief which had served as a mask.

From all along the row of buildings a fire was opened on the bunk house. Harris threw himself flat against the lower log which barely shielded him. Shreds of 'dobe clinking littered the room. The balls which found an entrance splintered through the bunks and buried themselves in the logs of the far wall. One marksman worked on the lower crack. Puffs of 'dobe pulverized before Harris' eyes as the systematic fire crept toward him down the crack in six-inch steps.

The shooting suddenly ceased. Billie Warren, dazedly indifferent as to what should happen to the Three Bar since the wreck of the lower field, had roused to action the instant she saw the spurts of chinking fly from the cracks of the bunk house before the fusillade sent after Harris. She threw open the door and stepped out, holding up one hand.

"Don't kill him!" she commanded. "If you fire another shot at him I'll put up every dollar I own to hang every man that ever rode a foot with Lang! Do you hear that, Lang?"

"Lang's in Idaho," a voice growled surlily from the shop. "None of us ever rode with Lang. We're from every band on the range and we're going to burn you squatters out."

"Draw off and let us ride away," she said. "You can have the Three Bar."

"All but Harris," the voice called back. "He stays!"

Harris knew that the men would not be deterred in their purpose—would sacrifice her along with the rest if necessary to accomplish their end

"Get back, Billie," he called from the bunk house. "You can't do us any good out there. Take the little cabin and sit tight. We'll beat them off."

She walked to the little cabin that stood isolated and alone, the first building ever erected on the Three Bar and which had sheltered the Harrises before her father had taken over the brand.

From her point of vantage she saw two masked men rise from the brush and run swiftly down toward the main house, each carrying a can. She divined their purpose instantly.

"Watch the west side!" she called. "The west side—quick."

The muffled crash of a rifle rolled steadily from the house as Waddles fired at the chinking in an effort to reach the two men outside. But they had accomplished their purpose and retreated.

The row of buildings was a seething mass of flames rolling up into the black smoke. Flames hissed and licked up the blank wall of the main house, traveling along the logs on which the two masked raiders had thrown their cans of oil. The men outside had only to wait until the occupants were roasted out. She knew Waddles would come out when it grew too hot. The raiders might let him go. It was Harris they waited for.

The girl ran across and pounded on the bunk-house door.

"Run for it," she begged. "Make a run for the brush! I'll keep between you and them. They won't shoot me. You can get to the brush. There's a chance that way."

"All right, old girl," Harris said. "In a minute now. But you go back, Billie. Get back to the little house. As soon as it gets hot I'll run for it. I've got ten minutes yet before I'm roasted out. I'll start.

(To be continued in an early issue.)

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Centerville Volley Ball Men to Battle

Three teams have been chosen by the Centerville Athletic Club to play a series of volleyball games. Two games are to be played Monday evening. The winner of the first game is to play the third team.

Much friendly rivalry is expected from all the teams. In the near future games will be scheduled with outside towns. Centerville ought to have a good team when the stars are picked from the three teams.

The teams are composed of the following men:

Captain H. deLeon, Frank Bontelho, George Robinson Garret Norris, Ed King and Joe Rose.

Captain Allen Norris, Leo Moore, L. Luccio, Manuel Oliveira, Richard White and Andy Gronley.

Captain Fred Rogers, Frank Madruga, George Mathieson, Herman Mau, George Silva.

Official referree: Fred Dusterberry.

The following are the officers of the Centerville Athletic Club:

President, Frank Madruga.

Vice President, Frank Bontelho.

Secretary, Harold deLeon.

Directors: George Mathieson, Manuel Oliveria, George Robinson.

The club had, as their guest Monday night, Lary Bettencourt, former St. Mary's star and now with the St. Louis team.

Personal News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. N. Taft, of Felton, are the guests of her daughter, Mrs. C. Hyglund.

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Mrs F. O. Bunting returned from Myrtledale Hot Springs Calistoga, on Saturday and reports a very pleasant week.

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Mrs. H. Gregory entertained the St. James Guild at Memorial Hall on Wednesday. She was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. A. Blanchard, of San Jose. The new president, Mrs. E. Chadbourne, took her position. Mrs. Chadbourne is a fine worker and a profitable year is perdicted. They tied a quilt for Mrs. O. Hayes, and began on the lenten work. They decided to give a bridge whist on Tuesday, February 12.

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A merry load of ladies motored to Palo Alto recently and were the guests at luncheon of Mrs. Emily Hobby. Those present were Mrs. C. Emerson, Mrs. R. Emerson, Mrs F Hayes, Mrs. Geo. Lowrie and Mrs. F. O. Bunting.

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This should be a winter of pleasure to those who are fond of lamenting on the lack of change of seasons in California. We certainly are having a cold winter. On Saturday our hills appeared in a beautiful mantle of snow. Mission Peak stood out as far as it could be seen, white and dazzling. Even in the moonlight it was lovely. Just the same the old Californians are quite ready to see our normal winters return. More rain, less frost!

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The "Sweet Sixteen" met last week with Mrs. M. Mathiesen. At the close of the game, 500, it was found that Miss Mamie Norris won the first prize, Mrs. Christensen, slams; consolation, Mrs. H. Dusterberry; guest, Mrs. F. Adams. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. Eggers on February 1. All are looking forward to a fine time at the Country Club card party Jan. 31.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mohn, Mrs. M Mohn and Mrs. P Wiseman, of Centerville, spent Sunday afternoon in the hills where they enjoyed the snow. Being from the east they found no novelty in the snow but being their first experience of this kind in California, it was especialy interesting.

PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams, of Albrae, entertained a number of friends at a lovely dinner on Saturday evening. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mary Mathiesen, M. P. Mathiesen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathiesen, and Masters Roy and George Mathiesen.

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Mrs. L. H. Eggers will entertain the "Sweet Sixteen" card club on Friday, February 1.

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Mrs. L. Christensen entertained friends last Monday evening, the occasion being Mr. Christensen's birthday. The evening was spent in playing cards.

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Mr. and Mrs. Von Glahn and family, of Hayward, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Mathiesen.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. Fitzgerald attended a theater party Friday evening at the Oakland Orpheum, given by the Union Oil Company.

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D. F. Gatchel, of Centerville, is acting as publicity chairman for the American Legion Mystery dance to be given at the Garden of Allah on February 9.

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The Country Club held a special meeting on Jan. 22. It was to decide just what to do in regard to the improvement of the Club House. The majority decided upon improving the dressing room and building one for gentlemen; and other minor additions. Later they will consider what they will do toward the present room.

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A new home is being erected for Mr. and Mrs. David Janeiro, of Centerville. They will be able to occupy their Decoto home in about three weeks. A housewarming will be given to celebrate the event. The building is being constructed by a Hayward contractor.

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The Welfare Club met with the President, Mrs. Frank Dusterberry, on Monday. About sixteen were present. There was an abundance of work for the children. Thanks were sent to Mrs. Wm. Patterson, Mrs. A. Haley—Camp Fire girls of Niles. Mrs. C. Graham, American Legion, Mr. Coit, Miss J. Smith and Misses Browns for contributions; also Mr. Leo Moore; California Nursery, a tree; Native Sons, lights for Christmas tree. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hudson at Niles on Feb. 18th.

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On January 25, the Centerville Assembly will have its monthly dance. Music will be furnished by Syke's Orchestra.

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J. C. McGee has installed a new $450 hat blocking and pressing machine in his cleaning and pressing shop. This new equipment makes a great improvement in his service.

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Mrs. N. N. Neher visited friends in Campbell over the week-end.

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Dr. James Curry, 87, passed away recently at his home in Oakland. For many years he was the pastor of the Newark Presbyterian church. Many friends from this township attended his funeral.

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The Grammar school has a newspaper without a name, so a prize of a fountain pen is offered for the best name submitted by the pupils.

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Miss Mae Alameda is reported to be very ill, with two nurses and four doctors attending her.

THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

Betsy Ross Parlor enjoyed an evening of whist at the home of Miss Alice Simas, Saturday evening. There were seven tables. Thirteen prizes were given. Refreshments were served afterwards.

"Babe" Kilpatric, of Gilroy, visited friends here Wednesday.

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Knights Pythias To Be Installed

Installation of Centerville council No. 170, Knights of Pythias will be installed at a meeting to be held Thursday evening. Officers are:

M. D. Silva, chancellor commander.

Jack DeLuce, vice chancellor commander

Fred Reider, prelate.

Fred Muller, master at arms.

J. A. Rodrigues, inner guard.

Louis Ruschin, outer guard.

After the ceremony there will be a banquet, which is being prepared by Louis Ruschin, Fred Rogers and M. Santos.

Centerville Assembly Meets Friday Night

The Centerville Assembly will hold its January dance at Anderson Hall, Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

JUDGE NORRIS INSTALLS PLEASANTON N. S. G. W.

On January 29, District Deputy Allen G. Norris will install the officers of the Pleasanton parlor of the N. S. G. W., there. The Native Daughters will hold their installation also at this joint meeting.

STATE DEPUTY VISITS CENTERVILLE KNIGHTS

State Deputy Robert McKenzie, of San Francisco, addressed the Centerville chapter of the Knights of Columbus, Thursday evening.

A large attendance was reported.

After the meeting refreshments were served.

Regular routine business is to be attended to at the Thursday meeting. Plans will be made for a large initiation of new members.

County engineers are busy surveying Central avenue, which is to be resurfaced. School street also is to be oiled.

BOOTH CANNERY EXPECTING BIG RUN OF SPINACH

Superintendent Bishop of the F. E. Booth Cannery announces that a new building is now underway, and that a room thirty by sixty feet will be an addition to the cook room. This additional space is needed for the large run expected on spinach and other vegetables and fruits.

In March, the cannery will open with 325 employees. They expect this to be the greatest run of spinach in history.

Men are now getting the plant ready to begin operations.

Mrs. Emilie Chittenden, who is visiting in the south, will return home the first of February.

MILDRED HARRIS IN "HOLLYWOOD SCANDALS" IDEA

Acclaimed one of the most unusual pictures ever filmed, "Submarine," a mighty drama of the sea, will open for a week's showing at the Oakland Theater on Friday, Jan. 25.

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Jack Holt, Dorothy Revier and Ralph Graves have the leading roles. Mildred Harris will appear in "Hollywood Scandals," the Fanchon and Marco idea along with Seymour and Cobb, two comedians who know their Hollywood; Carol and June, two nifty little harmony singers; Roy Bradley, dancer; and the Sunkist Beauties in a series of smart numbers.

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MRS. ROBIE RECEIVES AT SOLON LUNCHEON

Representative of Local Club to Assist Civic Center

Mrs. Walter Robie, as president of the Country Club of Washington Township, has been asked to serve on the receiving committee at the legislative luncheon to be held in the ivory ball room of Hotel Oakland next Saturday when all the federated clubs will join with the Oakland Civic Center to meet Governor C. C. Young and a group of legislators.

Bills before the legislature which affect women, children and the home will form the general theme of the luncheon, and the governor, senators and assemblymen will have minutes each to explain in detail the new bills.

Repeal of the gin marriage law; county participation in old age pension; adult adoption; training for probation officers; state aid in financing county hospitals and jails; education of the crippled and blind, are a few of the measures selected by the legislators who are to speak.

Among the speakers will be Governor Young, Mrs. W. W. Green, president of the Califohnia Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. William Lauchland, district president; Mrs. Luther Williamson, county president; andsother.

The legislative luncheon, sponsored by the Civic Center each year the ligislature meets, will follow a custom inaugurated several years ago by this organization. In this way the women are given an opportunity to meet the representatives from the district, upon whom has been conferred the power of adopting laws, in a luncheon conference held during the interval between the ligislalature's two sessions.

Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lauchland and Mrs. Williamson will assist Mrs. George B. Preston, general hostess.

Presidents of all the federated clubs will form the receiving line.

WARM SPRINGS
By MRS. H. J. ALLARD

Council No. 84 of the S. P. R. S. I. held their meeting Thursday afternoon, January 17.

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Charles Breitwieser, Jr., of Seattle, after spending a few days with his folks has returned home.

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Mrs. Blanche Walker, of Oakland, spent a few days with Miss Margaret Breitwieser the past week.

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A baby girl was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Nunnes Monday, January 14.

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The children of the Warm Springs Grammar school have been vaccinated the past week.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Halwick will soon move into their new home which is about completed.

NOTICE.

The Hayward Auto Top Works will be closed for the remainder of the week, on account of the death of the owner's wife, Mrs. Raab.—J24c.

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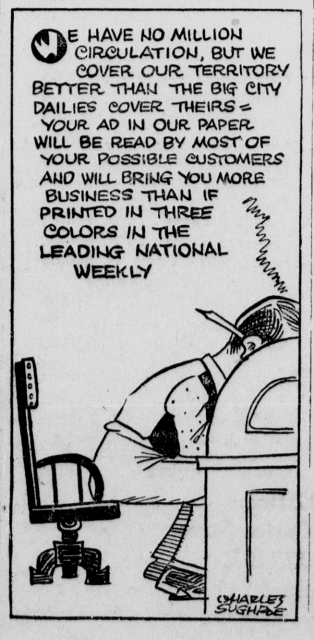
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Editorial Comment

By NORMAN H. PARKS, PUBLISHER REGISTER

(Continued From Page One)

until the spring of 1930. That is a long time to wait, when all we have done in this town so far has been to wait—now for this thing, now for that.

It would be wrong to ask Niles' greatest asset—the California Nursery—to tear up its show grounds and uproot its nursery stock, without just compensation. Why not get a committee out and raise funds to meet or more than meet this expense, and present it to the company, and get this outlet for Second street made at once—take away the stigma that we hear—"Niles, a one street town!"

Why not, we repeat, go farther—take this matter up with the promoters of the San Mateo-Hayward toll bridge. The company is after all the traffic that is possible and a direct route from the bridge approach over the Alvarado road and through Niles, without detour across the Southern Pacific tracts, will bring an inestimable amount of extra business to the new toll bridge and to Niles that would otherwise be lost to them and to us.

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Are we discouraged? No, we have just begun to fight—fight for those, who through ignorance, fight us when we are fighting for them.

Come, let us put our shoulder to the wheel, and help the grist grind in the mill of progress. Let us no longer be the dorsal fin on the back of Alameda county, but take our rightful place at the head of the municipal parade.

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Are we discouraged? You make us laugh. We haven't pulled off our coat yet. The world was not made in a day, though omnipotent power created it out of nothing. Nor can Niles be made over in a month, a year. Yes, citizens, the Township Register has just begun to fight.

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other column of The Register.

Mrs. Emma Murray, librarian, was complimented for her "cheerful and efficient" management of the library and Mrs. Martha Roland was also given an appreciative mention for the excellent care she is taking of the building.

All members are asked to forward dues to the treasurer, Mrs. Hudson. Every person in Niles or in the township who is interested in the further development of the library is given a cordial invitation to join the association.

Several ideas as to the broadening of the program of the Niles library may be found in next week's column, "Weekly Chats with Lovers of Books."

ALVADARO

Harold Bartlett and family have moved to San Jose. They were residents of Alvarado for eight years.

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Evan Orelli is back at school again after a week's illness.

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The local Japanese Association of America held a meeting Tuesday afternoon.

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The Alvarado grammar school appreciated the concert given by the High school orchestra in their auditorium Wednesday afternoon. John C. Kimber is conducting these concerts in all the grade schools.

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Albert "Spud" Degermark returned home Tuesday evening from an extended visit with relatives in Vancouver. He also toured the northwest.

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On February 5 the Rebekahas will install their new officers. District Deputy Julia McKinny, of Pleasanton, will be in charge of the installation. The officers are:

Noble Grand, Mrs. George Reinking.

Vice Grand, Miss Lesda Sayles.

Secretary, Mrs. Henrietta Graff.

Treasurer, Miss Myrtle Sayles.

Financial Secretary, Mrs. Anna Skow

Refreshments are to be served at the close of the program. All members are requested to be present.

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Mrs. Theodore Harvey entertained the Junior Bridge Club with a luncheon at the Venus, in Oakland, Friday. The ladies who attended were: Mrs. Earle Hellwig, Mrs. Harold Bartlett, Mrs. Morton Springer, Miss Nancy McKewn, Mrs. F. W. Joyce, Mrs. Everett Richmond, Mrs. Percy Brown, Mrs. Ruth Jensen and Mrs. Theodore Harvey. Bridge was enjoyed during the afternoon. First prize was carried off by Mrs. Percy Brown.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge and thank our friends for their thoughtful expression of sympathy in the loss of our father.

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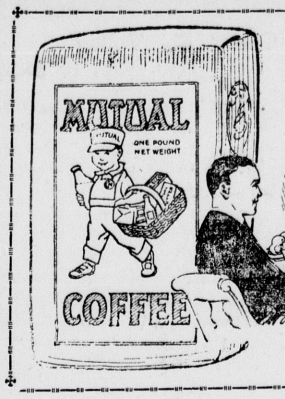

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2-lb. pkg. **29c**

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